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## SLI October 2022 Newsletter

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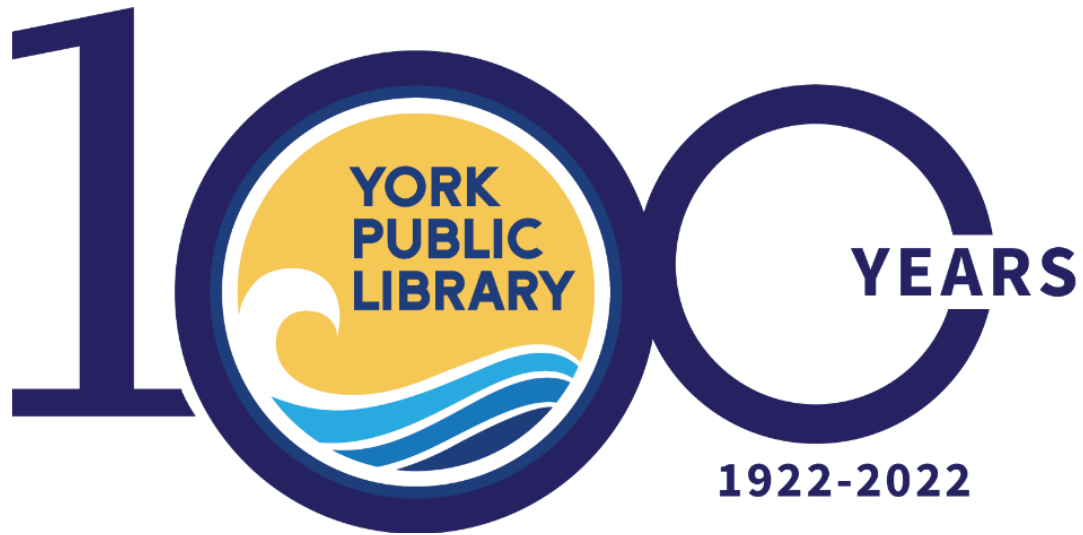
### Breaking News

The latest Library Journal Sustainability Column written by SLI Co-founder, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, is now available. In this article, Living Our Values Out Loud, she discusses how SLCP Member New Canaan Library partnered with Design for Freedom, an initiative that is working to "remove slavery from the built environment".

Using their library construction project as a learning tool, New Canaan Library is bringing attention to the issues of human suffering and the lack of transparency in the global building supply chain. Read more about this article [here](#).

## Member News

We have two new Certification Members to announce this month. York Public Library in York, ME has enrolled in our Public Library Certification Program. Bonnie Bredes, Library Media Specialist, at Center Moriches Middle & High School Library has enrolled in our School Librarian Certification program.



**Congratulations, Brentwood Public Library!**

[Brentwood Public Library](#), located in Suffolk County, NY is officially a “Certified Sustainable Library.” They have completed the Sustainable Library Certification Program, which is a step-by-step benchmarking program designed for libraries to build a strong foundation of sustainable thinking at every level of their organization. They are the thirteenth library nationwide to achieve this certification and the eighth in Suffolk County, NY.

They have demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainable environmental practices and shown the benefits of connections to their community throughout the certification process. An impressive 450-panel solar array has produced over 800 Megawatts of renewable electricity. They broadcast this and other environmentally sound practices to their community through the [Green Library](#) page on their website. Continued community engagement has resulted in many partnerships and services being offered through the library such as English language classes and hosting legal aid organizations on a regular basis.

Read more about the great work being done at Brentwood Public Library on our [website](#):

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## Upcoming events

[WNYLRC Intersect Unconference](#). Every Job is a Climate Job: Library Edition. Friday, October 7th, 10 am EST

[NELA / NHLA Annual Conference](#): Sustainable Thinking at Any Size: How to Integrate Sustainable Thinking in All Libraries. Monday, October 24th, 3:45 pm EST

**SLI Strategic Planning Webinar** (More info and registration coming soon!). Thursday, December 15th, 1:00 pm EST

## Member Highlights

### Gardiner Library

Earlier this month, [Gardiner Library](#) brought back their annual craft supplies sale for the first time since 2019. This popular fundraiser for the library is organized with donations of craft supplies from the community. This allows local

crafters to downsize their stash and benefit the library (and the environment) at the same time. This year's donated items included supplies for knitting, jewelry making, scrapbooking, sewing, needle crafts, and kids crafting. Local yarn shops and hardware stores also donated to help this fundraiser. Gardiner publicized the event through local news sources and social media. Their Instagram account's numerous "Can you guess...?" posts generated interest and built up the excitement for this event. With a team of volunteers running the event and assisting shoppers, Gardiner raised \$11,000.



A Niddy-Noddy, used to wind yarn was used in the social media campaign to promote Gardiner's Craft Supply Sale



**Longwood Public Library**

September was an exciting month for Longwood. Even though they achieved

certification in August of 2021, they are still finding ways to enrich their community. At the beginning of this month, they unveiled their newest outdoor space for families, a backyard building area! The area provides a space for playing, building with blocks, and benches, which were donated on behalf of former staff member Lee Osher. Additionally, they had their local Girlscouts Troop 1327 revamp their Little Free Library! They also added two additional little libraries to accommodate even more free books for their community.



### **Lindenhurst Memorial Library**

Lindenhurst Library has been working towards gathering 500 pounds of plastic film and bags to be recycled as part of the [Trex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge](#). They collected film from their local US Postal service, Long Island Blood Services, South Bay cardiology, Flag Beverages and their patrons to collect enough plastic for their bench, three months ahead of schedule!



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